

Itinerary – 01 – Birding, Leopard, Bear and Elephants in Sri Lanka - 06 Days 05 Nights

Day 01 – Arrival and transfer to hotel near Airport.

Overnight stay at the hotel near Airport

Possible highlights of birds: Brown hawk Owl, Indian Scops Owl, Red backed Flameback, Sri Lanka Swallow, Lesser Hill Mayna.

Possible highlights of mammals: Brown Mongos, Ruddy Mongos, Indian Flying Fox.

Day 02 – Morning proceed to Udawalawa.

Evening safari drive in Udawalawa National Park consisting grassland and forest in dry climatic conditions, looking for dry forest, open country and grassland birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Udawalawa.

Possible highlights of birds: Crested Hawk-Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Indian Peafowl, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Sirkeer Malkoha, Blue-faced Malkoha, Indian Scops Owl, Alexandrine Parakeet, Plum-headed parakeet, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Marshall's Iora, Crested Treeswift, Coppersmith Barbet, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Jerdon's Bushlark, Blyth's Pipit, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, Lesser Adjutant, Ceylon Woodshrike, Indian Black Robin, White-browed Bulbul, Jungle Prinia, Ashy Prinia, Plain Prinia, Grey-breasted Prinia, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Black-headed Munia, Rosy Starling.

Possible highlights of mammals: Ruddy Mongoose, Asian Elephant, Golden Jackal, Jungle Cat, Indian Flying Fox, Lesser Tube-nosed Bat.

Day 03 – Morning drive to Lunugamwehera and visit Lunugamvehera National park and afternoon visit Yala National park

Overnight stay at hotel in Thissamaharama.

Possible highlights of birds: Great Thick-knee, Black and Yellow Bitterns, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Small Pratincole, Watercock, Brown Fish Owl, Indian Scops Owl, Blue-faced Malkoha, Ceylon Woodshrike, Marshall's Iora, Tawny-bellied Babbler, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Jungle Prinia, Rosy starling.

Possible highlights of mammals: Chital, Sambar, Asian Elephant, Sloth Bear, Leopard, Tufted Grey Langur, Eurasian Wild Boar, Golden Jackal, Striped-necked Mongoose, Ruddy Mongoose, Indian Grey Mongoose, Indian Gerbil, Wild Water Buffalo, Indian Hare.

Day 04 – Morning safari drive in Yala National Park consisting wetlands, scrublands and forest in dry climatic conditions, looking for waterbirds, shorebirds, coastal seabirds, dry open country, forest and nocturnal birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Afternoon visit wetlands around Tissamaharama looking for waterbirds.

Overnight stay at hotel in Thissamaharama

Possible highlights of birds: Great Thick-knee, Black and Yellow Bitterns, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Small Pratincole, Watercock, Brown Fish Owl, Indian Scops Owl, Blue-faced Malkoha, Ceylon Woodshrike, Marshall's Iora, Tawny-bellied Babbler, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Jungle Prinia, Rosy starling.

Possible highlights of mammals: Chital, Sambar, Asian Elephant, Sloth Bear, Leopard, Tufted Grey Langur, Eurasian Wild Boar, Golden Jackal, Striped-necked Mongoose, Ruddy Mongoose, Indian Grey Mongoose, Indian Gerbil, Wild Water Buffalo, Indian Hare.

Day 05 – Morning or afternoon visit Yala National park.

Overnight stay at hotel in Thissamaharama.

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Possible highlights of mammals: Chital, Sambar, Asian Elephant, Sloth Bear, Leopard, Tufted Grey Langur, Eurasian Wild Boar, Golden Jackal, Striped-necked Mongoose, Ruddy Mongoose, Indian Grey Mongoose, Indian Gerbil, Wild Water Buffalo, Indian Hare.

Day 06 – Morning drive to hotel near airport for departure.

Midnight departure.